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Dear Commissioners,

The Summit County Communications Board, on behalf of all public safety agencies in Summit County, would like to file public comment regarding Part 88 of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. We are a tourist-oriented county located in the central Rocky Mountain region of Colorado. There are several aspects of Part 88 with which we are very concerned.

Of major concern are the proposals to impose highly restrictive limits on tower height and power limits. In a county bordered by 13,000 to 14,000 foot peaks, this would require us to build a number of additional radio sites in an area of 660 square miles that is 73 normant National Forcet land Our eviction sites would.

3) If in fact Part 88 is approved, it would be best to make all the changes at one time rather than go through several equipment changeovers and push the implementation date back further. Buying equipment in larger quantities all at one time could possibly drive costs down some and extending the date would allow for more planning time and accumulation of money (which is the most serious issue).

In summary, Part 88 would critically impact all public safety communications within our county. We do understand the need for additional frequencies in many parts of the country, especially in heavily populated areas. Summit County and many other mountainous areas are not experiencing that situation however, and would be much more impacted than other areas by some of the proposed changes. We appreciate your consideration of these issues and would be willing to answer any questions you may have or work together with you to develop solutions appropriate for our county.

Sincerely,

The Summit County Communications Board

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